

(b) what action, if any, the Government took on the allegations in the petition?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The petition was enquired into by the Inspector. The allegations were not found to be true.

344. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the then Sub-Inspector of the Ernakulam Cusba laid a charge before the Kanayannur Magistrate against the petitioners referred to in the previous question;

(b) what became of that charge;

(c) whether the Government took any action against the Inspector concerned?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

(b) The Magistrate discharged the accused.

(c) No action was taken.

Separate accommodation for the slaughter of pigs.

345. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say what action they have taken on the resolution of the Young Men's Muslim Association, Irinjalakkuda, duly communicated to them praying that a separate quarter may be provided for the slaughter of pigs instead of the public market being utilised therefor?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Text-Book Committee representation.

346. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is at present any Muslim member on the Text-Book Committee;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, when the Government made the assurance that a Muslim member would be put on the Committee;

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint one in the near future?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No.

(b) Government are not aware of any such assurance having been made.

(c) The Text-Book Committee cannot be constituted on communal lines. The question of appointing a Muslim member will, however, be considered at the next reconstitution of the Committee.